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News Summary.

Foreign.—Rev. Mr. Shaw, Consul at Monterrey, Mexico, mobbed by Mexicans, and consulate sacked.—Large number of recent cholera deaths at Cairo and elsewhere in Egypt.—Comte de Chambord improving.—De Lesseps and England agree on new Suez Canal.—Waddington succeeds Tissot as French Ambassador at London.—Tunnel under Straits of Gibraltar talked about; no end to big engineering schemes nowadays.—British flag getting very red over insults in Madagascar.—Statue representing French Republic unveiled at Paris; if in usual style of French art, better have kept the veil on.—Two thousand weavers quit work in England.—Lord Ripon said to have resigned as Viceroy of India.—Steamer Niagara, for Havana, takes fire off Florida coast; run ashore; no lives lost.—Chinese in Victoria have fatal disease, from eating rotten food.—Queen Victoria's health better.—Irish rifle team beat Scotch and English.—Report of cholera in Trieste.

Domestic.—Hanlan beats Ross quarter of a mile, and has words with Courtney, who vows he will worst him Aug. 15 on Lake Geneva; good thing if Courtney's state of mind is permanent.—Buffalo Saengerfest an immense affair.

Summer School of Philosophy sweating over subtleties.—Tom Thumb dead; apoplexy; tough little sinner.—Twenty-five boarders at Clinton, Mass.; blueberries and colic; too much cheap food.—Nat'l Cotton Exchange at Fortress Monroe.—Telegraphs and Western Union at odds.—Cigar factories close, and put 7,000 men out of work.—No Union Square plaza for Dennis Kearney.—J. C. Nobles, ex-clergyman, makes off, faint of killing himself, and turns up tired next morning.—Sprague estate at auction in Providence.—Damage at Des Moines by storms; lots of new sun-spots to reckon up.—John Meeker pardoned at Sing Sing; won't desert his old quarters.—Lorillard's yacht Radha declared responsible for collision.—Plymouth Rock has collision with kill von Kull; old story with one name new, that's all.—Core Standford, of Wheeling, reported to have eloped with colored coachman.—Mace and Slade, bruisers and bummers, come in on Alaska.—Union College wants State officials at meeting of trustees.—Ninth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., in camp.—Mrs. Langtry and Freddie in special car Jerome Marble, consociating at Long Branch and other watering places.—Dr. Priestley's apparatus given to Smithsonian Institution; discoverer of oxygen.—Ludlow St. jail (officially) "white-washed."—Judge Freedman makes decision on legacies for post-mortem masses.—Great strike of telegraph operators began Thursday noon.—Large fire Brooklyn water front.—Wong Chin Foo challenges Dennis Kearney.

About Town.

A chemical manufactory has been started in the idle laundry at Soho.

The citizens of Summit, N. J., have raised a fund of \$1,000 to suppress the illegal selling of liquor. An example worthy of imitation.

Among the numerous lawns in town that are kept in the proper condition, that of Edgar Moss, on Thomas Street, deserves especial mention.

The marriage is announced in Florida of Henry L. Desmarests, of Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Hattie G. Baldwin, of Bloomfield.

Work on the new M. E. chapel is to be rapidly pushed to completion. The contract for the mason work has been given to Mr. James Adams, and for the carpenter work to M. Chas. Lockwood.

Mr. H. K. Benson is having an addition, 10 by 30 feet, added to his mill. When this is completed, a new brick building, 40 by 60 feet, one story, is to be erected. Mr. James Adams will have charge of the mason work on each.

Mr. O. F. Day, a leading merchant of Baltimore, who has been visiting the scenes of his boyhood, staying with Day Brothers, Brookdale, returned on Thursday, *via* Asbury Park to his home.

County Physician Hewlett and Prosecutor Keene were in town on Saturday, and caused the grave of Mrs. Chisholm to be opened, that a further examination might be made of the body, for use in the coming trial. Some resistance, without avail, was made by the brother of the deceased.

The event of the week for the neighborhood over the canal, usually called the 6th Ward, is a pair of twins in the family of Mr. Patrick Drudy. The parents are as happy as can be expected, when you consider that there are five other little mouths to be filled.

"I want to buy some soap with two or three cents," said the young man. "You can't do it here," replied the gentlemanly clerk; "we're no snide concern. Our cheapest perfumed toilet is twenty cents a cake." And the purchaser looked very much surprised.

There is no real necessity for combining the facts in one item, but Mr. J. L. Walsh has just secured a chemical fire extinguisher, and Mrs. W. is off for a pleasant trip to the Adirondacks. We seem to insinuate that she is afraid of the thing exploding at some inopportune time.

A public entertainment was given at Wilde's Hall on Wednesday evening, by a society of young girls of the M. E. Sunday-school, which consisted of a choice selection of literary and musical productions. Nearly 150 persons were present and expressed themselves as greatly pleased. The society is known as the Busy Bee Society.

That poem entitled "Peace" which the *Kearney Record* recently printed, it neglected to credit either to the *Manhattan Magazine*, or to the proper author, Samuel W. Duffield of THE CITIZEN. But that's the way with the *Kearney Record*—it lives by faith and takes whatever it gets hold of.

Mr. Eugene Yeremane was struck by lightning, during the heavy thunder shower on Friday of last week. Mr. Yeremane is a son of the ex-town-committant, Abram Yeremane, at whose house he was visiting at the time of the accident.

It is reported that Mr. R. N. Dodd is to erect a handsome building on Glenwood Ave., to be used as a livery stable and express office. The building will be 33x90 feet, with front of Philadelphia brick and stone; the upper story will contain a public hall 25x40 feet, and other rooms which may be used as offices.

On Saturday last a horse attached to a wagon owned by Mr. Nathaniel Baldwin, above Ridgewood Avenue, slipped his bridle and ran away, overturning the wagon, and throwing out the little five year old son of Mr. Herbert Bidulph. The little fellow sustained a fracture of the ribs and other injuries, but is, we learn, doing well.

The curious cyclopian worm spoken of as such a rare and strange species in a last week's number of the Newark *Daily Advertiser*, although perhaps not a special Bloomfield production, has been not uncommon on the grape vine leaves for several years past, and is this year sufficiently numerous to supply specimens for Newark and all the surrounding townships.

Mrs. Butler, sister of Mrs. Nathan Russell, died at Mr. Russell's residence last Friday evening. She had come for a visit, being already somewhat of an invalid, and her health had greatly improved until a few days since, when she had a second paralytic stroke. A private service was held on Sunday afternoon, her husband and sons being present. She was then removed to Boston for interment.

A needed improvement has been

made in the street leading to the Catholic cemetery, under direction of the Road Committee. It might still further be improved, if the fence was set back upon the north side of the road. The opening of avenues from this point to the Hope Sunday-school and the Davey pasteboard factory is much to be desired. In such matters mutual concession is necessary to secure any good result.

During Friday's storm, and about the time when THE CITIZEN had just been printed, the house of Mr. Ed. Hall, on Thomas Street, was struck by lightning. Mrs. Hall and her two children were slightly affected by the shock. She herself remembers seeing a ball of fire, and then became unconscious. The corner was ripped from the house, and some of the clapboarding torn away. The damage is in the neighborhood of thirty dollars. It is well it was no worse.

An eight year old son of Gustave Bruett met with what might have been a frightful accident on Thursday morning.

He was riding on the front part of a mowing machine, and while passing through Glenwood Avenue was suddenly thrown in front of the machine and dragged for several yards before the team could be stopped, causing several scalp wounds and bruising his body in other places. No serious results are likely to occur, as the wounds are not dangerous ones.

At the last commencement exercises of Williams College, after the completion of the programme, the prizes for the year were announced. Of those presented, the largest number given to any one student was awarded to Henry B. Ward, son of Dr. R. Halsted Ward, of Troy, New York, and eldest grandchild of Mr. Israel C. Ward, of Bloomfield. The prizes he received were as follows: Mathematics, first prize; Natural History, second prize; Book prize, from the Rice fund; Latin, honorable mention.

The annual installation of officers of Olive Branch No. 58, I. O. O. F., took place at the lodge room, on Monday evening, D. D. G. M. Chas. Onclera officiating. The new officers are as follows:

P. G. Jas. H. Way.
N. G. Eugene Yeremane.
V. G. Emmons B. Corby.
R. S. N. G. J. G. Keyler.
L. S. N. G. John Lockwood.
Warden, Robert Ball.
Cond. John Hoffman.

Sec. C. A. Akers. Treas. N. H. Dodd.

The total indebtedness of the schools now amounts to the sum of \$14,300.

Personal.

Rev. D. R. Lowrie is summering at Mount Tabor.

Mr. Jas. B. Davis, who has been ill for some time, is reported as improving.

Mr. G. Lee Stout and family left town yesterday for Saratoga Springs.

Mr. H. L. Wardwell, of Clark Street, is trout fishing in Sullivan Co., N. Y.

Mr. G. T. Vought, an employee of the Government printing office at the capital, is in town visiting his family.

Mr. James C. Brown, of this place, a salesman for Cox, Parish & Unger, of N. Y., is spending a few days at Northport, L. I.

Mr. Joseph Dodd and Miss Minnie Dodd, of Glen Ridge, have been at Lake George for a week past.

Miss Marion Puffer, of Glen Ridge, is visiting Mrs. F. G. Tower, at Long Branch. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bovee, Jr., are also spending this month at the same place.

Mr. Robert Peele, Jr., left this week for Charlotte, North Carolina, where he will examine certain mechanical processes in the interest of Messrs. Beckett and McDowell.

Fire Association Matters.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of the Bloomfield Fire Association held a special meeting on Thursday, July 12, at Wilde's Hall.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Foreman—S. W. Sabin.

Assistant Foreman—John Jenkins.

Clerk—W. L. Puffer.

The truck company now consists of thirty-eight members. We have had four applications for membership since our last meeting, which will be acted upon at a meeting to be held next week. The following is the roll, as it now stands:

J. H. Hardcastle, Frank G. Tower, C. D. M. Peele, A. J. Marsh, W. L. Puffer, S. W. Sabin, J. Jenkins, W. L. Tower, J. Magory, Fred. M. Davis, Howell Johnson, John Dalrymple, W. G. Langstroth, Howard Davis, Hadley P. Cadmus, L. K. Dodd, Walter Henley, W. B. Dodd, John H. Taylor, F. D. Ward, A. H. Olmstead, C. E. McDowell, Charles R. Bourne, T. W. Sabin, F. A. Jackson, John T. Griffith, James Crisp, Jr., L. H. Benedict, C. A. Keyler, George W. Tower, Wm. Baldwin, Spencer Hall, Wm. A. Akers, Adam Lind, George Roubaud, J. P. Scherer, L. Dawkins, T. E. Hayes, James H. Way.

If nothing unforeseen should happen, the truck will be in town during the first week in August. The proposed large parade has been postponed until colder weather. This is done to oblige some of the companies intending to visit Bloomfield. The truck will, however, be received in a suitable manner. The Montclair Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 will come down with their "machine," and on that occasion will display their new uniform. The complete uniforms of the truck company will be distributed next week, and will be as follows:

Regulation fire hat, the same as in use in Newark and New York, black, with white letters set in; dark blue shirt, with shield-front; the belt will be the same as the hat (black), with the letters B. F. A., set in white on the back.

There are only eight vacancies left, the truck company being limited to fifty men by the B. F. A. If any one desires to join in time to take part in the reception, his name must be handed in before Tuesday next.

Since the foregoing was written, a communication has been received from Mr. S. W. Sabin, saying that for strictly private reasons he will be obliged to decline to serve as foreman; consequently his resignation must be accepted, though with great regret. Mr. Sabin was away from Bloomfield on business when elected. His election was unanimous, as his great interest in this association, and his previous record of nine years in the Newark Fire Department, led to the belief that he would be precisely the right man in the right place. He will, however, remain as an active member of the company.

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After the reading of the call of the meeting, the report of the School Trustee for the year ending July 1, 1883, was read by the Clerk, Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin, and accepted by the meeting. From this report we present the following extracts:

The schools have been kept open ten months, and 908 children between five and eighteen years of age have been enrolled in the schools during the year.

The average daily attendance in the High School was 37; in the Grammar school, 248; in the Centre Primary, 181; in Berkeley school, 174; and in the Brookside school, 67.

According to the school census taken in May, 1883, there are 1,545 children now resident within the district. The schools will seat comfortably about 1,050 children. Of the proposed school building, after describing the progress already made, the Trustees speak as follows:

"While the necessity for greater school facilities is thus shown, and generally conceded, the Trustees have decided, in view of the present burden of taxation and the high price of labor and building material, to recommend that the matter be postponed for one year."

The work of the school, in the main, has been good, and the school is gaining in the possession of a body of faithful and experienced teachers.

The sum of \$6,591 has been expended upon the libraries during the year, \$300 of which was received from the State. The finances are in good condition; about \$15,000 having been spent for current expenses, and \$1,000 as a payment upon the new lot.

The total indebtedness of the schools now amounts to the sum of \$14,300.

On motion, it was voted to proceed to the consideration of appropriations for the coming year. The sum of \$3,000, recommended by the Trustees, was then voted for current expenses, and \$3,000 to complete the payment upon the new school lot upon Liberty Street.

Some discussion followed as to the time to be allowed for the moon recess, which is found too short to allow those at a distance to go home and return without too great haste. As it was shown that extension of time would also involve inconveniences, no action was taken upon the matter.

The needs of the western part of the township in the matter of primary schools were presented by gentlemen from that section of the town.

The present number of children, the prospective growth, and the distance from the Centre school were given as reasons for the building of a small primary school similar to those at Brookside and Berkeley.

Upon the other hand, the needs of the Grammer school were insisted upon the Trustees. The growth of this department would soon call for the erection of a separate building, to which all the primary children now in the Centre building could be removed. To build another school in the out-lying district would in no way meet this want, and would entail additional expense. Some statistics compiled by the clerk, in relation to this meeting, were presented to the meeting:

The whole number of children in the district bounded by Glenwood Avenue and the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western R.R., Orange, and Montclair is found by the last census to be 219. Of these 119 are between the ages of five and ten years. As about two-thirds of the children in the district are enrolled in the schools, there would be about eighty children in a primary school established in this section of the town. An objection to such a school is found in the cost. Taking the three largest items of expense in maintaining our schools, the payment of teachers' and janitors' salaries, and the cost of fuel, and leaving out of account the money spent in providing and keeping buildings in order, it is found that while the expense of educating a scholar in the Centre Primary is \$12.33, the cost at Brookside is \$17.39, and at Berkeley \$19.88, or fully fifty per cent. more in the out-lying districts.

On motion the following was offered and passed as the sense of the meeting:

Resolved, That the trustees be requested to take into consideration the erection of a primary school in the western part of the township.

The meeting then adjourned.

Gas in Watessing.

To The Bloomfield Citizen:

In your last issue mention was made of the fact that the East Orange Town Committee were erecting gas lamps on Dudd Street, as far as the brook, the dividing line between East Orange and Bloomfield, and the wish was expressed that our Township Committee would fill up the gap from the Watessing depot to the brook, thereby making a connection between the two townships.

The matter was introduced at the meeting of the committee on last Wednesday evening, at which time a motion was made (after the reasons for the same had been fully stated) to erect four lamp posts on the line above mentioned. Three members opposed the measure on the ground that property owners on two other streets had, on former occasions, presented petitions for lamps which were not granted. One member gave as a reason for not voting in favor of the project, that Watessing, being on the outskirts of the town, does not require and is not entitled to the improvements necessary in the center, etc. Another stated that the taxes would be very heavy next year, yet that same person voted in favor of appropriating \$5,700 per year for water. How inconsistent!!!

There is a great deal of travel, especially by vehicles, to and from the Watessing depot, and the narrow minded views of the majority of our Township Committee in this matter do not commend themselves to the prevailing idea that Bloomfield is progressing. Nor will they tend to command the esteem of our neighboring town.

The cost of maintaining four lamps would be about \$60 per year, \$15 for each lamp. This is an age of progress, but it is very evident that some of the members of the Committee have not yet learned that fact.

Yours truly,

JOHN SHERMAN

Watessing, July 17, 1883.</p